construction of buildings, this work was not taken up. As soon as the war is over, the Government will be able to take up this work.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How much will it cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost estimated for Trichur is Rs. 1,500.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is only a small amount.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There are such very many number of small amounts. We want to economise the work on buildings.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Not at the inconvenience of the ordinary people of the country.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* While I admit that this convenience is very desirable, I do not say that it is absolutely essential. The court buildings are very large, and people can find places to wait in the verandahs or in some spare rooms.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Have you arranged seats for them in the verandahs? Have not the Government undertaken to provide seating arrangements in all the courts years ago in response to a cut motion from me? Government have forgotton that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Provision has been made from time to time for providing extra furniture, benches and things like that for the people there. I distinctly remember that.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Furniture for the purposes of the witnesses?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Furniture for the purpose of the people to sit. So also in public offices too. That point used to be raised here a few years ago persistently and Government used to sanction amounts.

Mr. President: In view of the strong feeling in the matter in this House, the question of constructing a waiting room for ladies in the Trichur courts will have to be reconsidered and the building constructed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In the light of that assurance, I don't wish to press this motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 3

Necessity of giving a better and up-to-date library to the Munsiff's Courts in the State

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* There is yet another motion standing in my name, which also refers to another matter; namely, *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 580 for purchase of books and periodicals—Munsiffs' courts—by Re. 1.* The object of this is to bring to the notice of the Government, *the necessity of giving a better and up-to-dale library to the Munsiff's courts in the State.* I find there is only a very small allotment for the purchase of books for all the Munsiff's courts. They have only very small libraries and even they are not up-to-date. I think the House can have an idea of the library of the Trichur Munsiff's court when the House hears that it has not got a copy of Dicey's Conflict of Law. Such an important work, which for interpretation of law, every Munsiff should have with him, is not available there. It is just to bring to the notice of the Government to ask for a revised book, and if necessary, to provide additional funds, that I have tabled this motion. I don't wish to press this motion to a division. I wish to bring this fact to the prominent notice of the Government that they may be pleased to call for a revised list of the books available and see whether they are up-to-date and help them by giving some more amount.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know from the Hon'ble Member whether there is not a District Court Library?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* There is a District Court Library.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I wish to say one or two words. The poor Munsiff is not supplied with up-to-date text books, *e.g.*, Mulla's Civil Procedure Code, Limitation, etc. These books are absolutely necessary, for a Munsiff. After the advocates have argued the case, the book has to be supplied to the Munsiff. It is a very difficult task, because we have to argue cases in different courts and unless the Munsiffs have got the books, how is it possible to argue cases and then supply books to all the Munsiffs. Therefore at least these up-to-date books may be supplied.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not the Munsiffs' Courts supplied with books?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, the Munsiff's courts in the State are being supplied with the I.L.R. series, the Madras Weekly Notes, the Cochin Law Journal, and

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the Cochin Law Reports. Over and above these, a lump sum provision used to be made, between Rs. 600 to 700 in every budget for distribution among the various Munsiffs for the purchase of text books. That amount is under the control of the District Judges of the respective jurisdictions. About Rs. 100 will therefore be available for each Munsiff for the purchase of text books and law reports. In the course of two or three years, the necessary text books can be purchased from these allotments. If there is any court, where on account of any reason, any difficulty has been felt by any Munsiff, he should have moved in the matter through proper channels. I can quite appreciate the fact raised by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi that for the library of a Munsiff's Court the latest edition of Mulla's C. P. C. is an absolute necessity. Similarly standard text books on the Law of Limitation, Court Fee, etc., are also necessary. I do not think that Dicy's Conflict of Laws is essential for a Munsiff's Court library. If any Munsiff has not got Mulla's C.P.C.—Law of Limitations, etc.,—the matter will be looked into. Even this year under the head, supplies and services, there is a provision of Rs. 700, and if it is possible to cut off the supply of I. L. R. series and Madras Weekly Notes the amount so realised can be utilised for the purchase of other necessary text books. Hitherto there has been no occasion for the Government to look into this matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I beg to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 4

The leaflets published by Panchangom Press are insulting to the Christians

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,479 for Criminal Justice—Salaries—by Re. 1.* This is *to point out to government that the leaflets and the pamphlets regularly published from the Panchangom Press, Kunnamkulam, are insulting to the Christians and are deliberately intended to incite class hatred and communal feelings.*

Point of order

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I rise to a point of order. The pamphlets and leaflets which my learned friend refers to are, to the best of my knowledge, filed as exhibits in the case connected with the Kunnamkulam affair, and I doubt whether it will not be entering upon the merits of this case also if we go on the discussion of this matter.

Mr.V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* On this point of order, Sir, I have to say that if everything that is exhibited in a Court of Law is sub-judice, then nobody can get on in this world. If a book like the Holy Bible or a book like the Ramayana is exhibited in a Court of Law, nobody can speak about the contents of the Bible or the Ramayana. That passes my understanding. I submit there is nothing in the point.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Here is a point raised that a gentleman is writing in most flagrant language, and makes most deliberate and serious attacks upon a minority just to say that it is exhibited and hence we should not speak; it is going too far. It is this kind of attack that gives communal trouble, especially at a time like this and I consider it is part of the duty of this Council to tender proper advice to the Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* (1) No discussion shall be permitted in regard to any of the following subjects.—

(*a*) Any matter removed from the cognizance of the Council under sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph 80.

(*b*) Any matter under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in Cochin State.

(2) If any doubt arises whether any resolution is or is not within the restriction imposed by sub-paragraph (1) the President shall decide the point and his decision shall be final. We are not going to say as to whether the accused persons are guilty or not. What we are now saying is a certain press is publishing leaflets and pamphlets as malicious propaganda against Christians. I want to show that to the Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* My only submission in the course of the discussion on this matter is the incidents connected with the case should have to be discussed. Not only that, they are going to be judged whether they are guilty or not. I do not want to say that this subject cannot be discussed. But when one matter has been ruled out as sub-judice, whether this will also come within that, is my only doubt.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Here is an article published that the dogs and bitches of Kunnamkulam have been chained.

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